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Lieutenant General S. E. Anderson, USAF  
Director, Weapons Systems Evaluation Group  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense,  
Research and Development  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Anderson:

Thank you for your letter of 7 January 1957, advising me that Mr. Ira Deutsch will now be the WSEG contact for your intelligence requirements on Soviet agriculture.

Considerable research has already been completed on the subjects included in your request. Additional research is under way in connection with an Economic Intelligence Committee project entitled "Policies, Performance and Prospects of Soviet Agriculture". This project, undertaken at the urgent request of the Department of State, will provide information to satisfy a substantial part of your requirement.

The EIC project is scheduled for completion during the summer of 1957. We expect then to undertake the further research required to complete action on your request, and to complete such research in the spring of 1958.

I look forward to a continuation of the helpful liaison we have maintained in the past.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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7 January 1957

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to my request of 18 May 1955 for intelligence on various aspects of agriculture in the Sino-Soviet Bloc in order that future analyses by this Group may be based upon more factual data. Further reference is made to your reply of 4 June 1955, in which you stated that [redacted] of your Office of Research and Reports would coordinate this work.

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Mr. Joseph H. Lewis whom I designated as the individual in Weapons Systems Evaluation Group to act as the liaison for this request is now in charge of our London Liaison Office. In view of this, I would like to designate Mr. Ira Deutsch as the man to contact as may be required.

I will appreciate receiving an estimate from you as to when this intelligence will be available.

Sincerely,

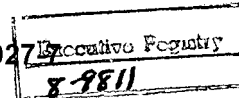
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18 JAN 1957

BRIEF FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence *Ray*

SUBJECT: Fulfillment of WSEG Request for Intelligence on Soviet Agriculture

1. In a letter to you, dated 18 May 1955, General Anderson stated that he had seen strongly divergent conclusions on the military value of the food bacteriological warfare target system. To assist him in resolving these difficulties, he asked us to supply him with information on:

a. food stocks in the USSR and the Satellites for the period 1955-1960;

b. the use of animal draft power and its contribution to the production of foodstuffs; and

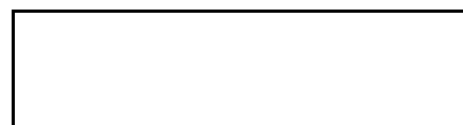
c. the use of animal fertilizers and their contribution to the production of foodstuffs.

2. Your reply, dated 4 June 1955, stated that a study could be supplied which would require considerable research and analysis and which, even then, was not likely to produce definitive and precise answers.

3. Considerable research has been done in satisfaction of General Anderson's request. However, research had to be set aside during Fiscal Year 1956 in order to produce our paper on "The New Lands Program of the USSR." Available research time in F. Y. 1957 has been devoted to NIE's, NIS's, and to the EIC interdepartmental paper on "Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Soviet Agriculture." This paper was requested by the Department of State in June 1955 and is deemed of the greatest importance. Both the "New Lands" paper and the EIC interdepartmental paper will make significant contributions to the satisfaction of General Anderson's requirements. WSEG has been informed of these facts through its liaison representative.

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